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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT MASTER SPECIFICATION FOR
BURLAP, JUTE

FEDERAL SPECIFICATIONS BOARD SPECIFICATION No. 499

This specification was officially promulgated by the Federal Specifications Board on June 10, 1927, for the use of the departments and independent establishments of the Government in the purchase of jute burlap.

[The latest date on which the technical requirements of this specification shall become mandatory for all departments and independent establishments of the Government, is September 10, 1927. They may be put into effect, however, at any earlier date after promulgation.]

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I. GENERAL SPECIFICATIONS

United States Government general specifications for textile materials, Federal Specifications Board specification No. 345, in effect on date of proposal, wherever applicable, shall form part of this specification.

II. GRADE

The burlap shall be one grade only and that shall be the grade known commercially as "firsts."

III. MATERIAL

The burlap shall be made of jute.

IV. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

See detail requirements.

V. DETAIL REQUIREMENTS

1. **WEIGHT AND THREAD COUNT.**—The burlap shall conform to the following table of weight and thread count. A tolerance of plus or minus 5 per cent on weight shall be permitted.

Weight per linear yard (ounces) (40-inch basis)	Threads per inch of warp	Threads per inch of filling	Weight per square yard
			<i>Ounces</i>
8.....	9-12	8-11	7.2
10.....	11-13	10-12	9.0
12.....	11-13	11-13	10.8

2. Burlap shall be 40 inches wide unless otherwise stated.

3. No bale shall show an evidence of having been watered to increase the weight.

VI. METHOD OF SAMPLING

SAMPLING.—In purchases of 10,000 yards or less, a sample shall be taken from each 1,000 yards; 10,000 yards or over, a sample shall be taken from each one-tenth of the shipment. The sample shall be at least $\frac{1}{2}$ yard long by the width of the material.

VII. PACKING AND MARKING OF SHIPMENTS

Shall be in accordance with best commercial practice unless otherwise specified.

VIII. NOTE

This specification is based on United States Navy specification No. 27B2c.

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